Operation Blackboard and DPEP

2680. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating some major changes in the implementation of the two big programmes for spreading primary education, namely the Operation Blackboard and the District Primary Education Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of the specific areas identified for the review and the lines on which the programmes are to modified?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Launched in 1987-88, the scheme of Operation Blackboard was revised in 1993 to provide for third teacher and three class rooms in Primary schools with enrolment of more than 100 children. The scheme was also extended to Upper Primary School.

The report of the Working Group on Elementary Education for the Ninth Plan has recommended addition of two new components in Operation Blackboard to meet the needs of girls at the upper primary stage and to improve school level supervision and management of primary schools. These entail provision of financial assistance to States for upper primary schools in Low Female Literacy Blocks and a Head-master in selected primary schools. Allocations for the Ninth Plan have not been finalised.

DPEP is an evolving programme and necessary amendments or modifications in the project parameters would be made as and when necessary based on the past learning experiences. A definite view in this regard has not yet been taken.

Agitation by KV Teachers

2681. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the phased agitation of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas that began on 28th April, 1998 is still continuing;

(b) if so, whether the Minister level talks have since been held in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The additional Secretary (Education), Government of India, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development received the Memorandum of demands from the representatives of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (J), one of the teachers Associations, on 28.4.98 and discussed their demands in a meeting held with their representatives on 26.5.98 and subsequently with the representatives of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association on 15.6.98. Further, a meeting of the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is scheduled to be held on 14.7.98.

Recognition given to Institutions by NCTE

2682. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council for Teacher Education has granted recognition to a large number of Institutions offering courses or training in teacher education since its establishment;

(b) if so, the names of such Institutions, State and Territory-wise, with criteria laid for admission to these Institutions;

(c) whether the NCTE has laid down some guidelines for candidates and Institutions while pursuing B.Ed or offering training in the said course;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to take action against Institutions who are offering B.Ed Course with recognition of NCTE?